IN THE CLAIMS

Claim 1 (original) A method for tracking activities running in parallel in a data processing system, comprising the steps of:

maintaining an ordered list of activities running in the system;

whenever a new activity begins, inserting the new activity at a top of the list;

whenever an activity in the ordered list completes, removing the completed activity from the ordered list; and

displaying the activity that is at the top of the list.

Claim 2 (original) The method as recited in claim 1, wherein the displaying step displays a code pertaining to the latest-started activity that has not completed.

Claim 3 (original) The method as recited in claim 1, wherein the activities are configurations of devices attached to the data processing system.

Claims 4-8 (cancelled)

Claim 9 (original) A data processing system comprising:

circuitry for maintaining an ordered list of activities running in the system;

whenever a new activity begins, circuitry for inserting the new activity at a top of the list;

whenever an activity in the ordered list completes, circuitry for removing the completed activity from the ordered list; and

circuitry for displaying the activity that is at the top of the list.

Claim 10 (original) The system as recited in claim 9, wherein the displaying circuitry displays a code pertaining to the latest-started activity that has not completed.

Claim 11 (original) The system as recited in claim 9, wherein the activities are configurations of devices attached to the data processing system.

Claim 12 (original) The system as recited in claim 9, wherein the displaying circuitry further comprises:

circuitry for determining if an activity that has completed is currently being displayed; and

if the activity that has completed is currently being displayed, circuitry for displaying an activity that had previously been displayed.

Claim 13 (original) A computer program product adaptable for storage on a computer readable medium, comprising a computer program operable for performing the following steps:

maintaining an ordered list of activities running in a data processing system;

whenever a new activity begins, inserting the new activity at a top of the list;

whenever an activity in the ordered list completes, removing the completed activity from the ordered list; and

displaying the activity that is at the top of the list.

Claim 14 (original) The program as recited in claim 13, wherein the displaying step displays a code pertaining to the latest-started activity that has not completed.

Claim 15 (original) The program as recited in claim 13, wherein the activities are configurations of devices attached to the data processing system.

Claim 16 (original) The program as recited in claim 13, wherein the displaying step further comprises the steps of:

determining if an activity that has completed is currently being displayed; and

if the activity that has completed is currently being displayed, displaying an activity that had previously been displayed.

Claim 17 (new) The method as recited in claim 1, wherein only the activity at the top of the list is displayed.

Claim 18 (new) The system as recited in claim 10, wherein only the activity at the top of the list is displayed.

Claim 19 (new) The program as recited in claim 14, wherein only the activity at the top of the list is displayed.

Claim 20 (new) A method for tracking activities on a single entry display device running in parallel in a data processing system, comprising the steps of:

maintaining an ordered list of activities automatically running in the system;

whenever a new activity begins, inserting the new activity at the top of the list;

whenever an activity in the ordered list automatically completes, removing the completed activity from the ordered list; and

displaying on the single entry display device only the activity at the top of the list.

Claim 21 (new) A method for tracking activities running in parallel in a data processing system, comprising the steps of:

determining if a new activity has started in the system;

if a new activity has started in the system, displaying an identity of the new activity;

determining if any activity running in the system has completed;

if an activity has completed, removing that activity from a list of activities to be displayed;

determining if the activity removed from the list is currently displayed; and

if the activity to be removed is currently displayed, displaying an activity not completed that has previously been displayed, wherein only one activity is displayed at a time.